

(6) identifies river and stream segments of unique ecological value and sites of unique value for the construction of reservoirs that the regional water planning group recommends for protection under Section 16.051;

(7) assesses the impact of the plan on unique river and stream segments identified in Subdivision (6) if the regional water planning group or the legislature determines that a site of unique ecological value exists;

(8) describes the impact of proposed water projects on water quality; and

(9) includes information on:

(A) projected water use and conservation in the regional water planning area; and

(B) the implementation of state and regional water plan projects, including water conservation strategies, necessary to meet the state's projected water demands.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 30, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 29, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House, with amendments, on May 26, 2015: Yeas 143, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

PROTECTION AND USE OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS, INFORMATION, AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

CHAPTER 1181

S.B. No. 1132

AN ACT

relating to the protection and use of certain products, information, and technology of the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subchapter M to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER M. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Sec. 11.351. PROTECTION AND USE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. (a) The department may:

(1) apply for, register, secure, hold, and protect under the laws of the United States, any state, or any nation:

(A) a patent for an invention or discovery of, or improvement to, any process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter;

(B) a copyright for an original work of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression now known or later developed that can be perceived, reproduced, or otherwise communicated;

(C) a trademark, service mark, collective mark, or certification mark for a word, name, symbol, device, or slogan, or any combination of those items, that has been adopted and used by the department to identify goods or services and distinguish those goods or services from other goods or services; or

(D) other evidence of protection or exclusivity issued in or for intellectual property;

(2) enter into a contract with an individual or company for the sale, lease, marketing, or other distribution of intellectual property of the department;

(3) obtain under a contract entered into under Subdivision (2) a royalty, license right, or other appropriate means of securing appropriate compensation for the development or purchase of intellectual property of the department; and

(4) waive or reduce the amount of a fee, royalty, or other thing of monetary or nonmonetary value to be assessed by the department if the department determines that the waiver will:

(A) further the goals and missions of the department; and

(B) result in a net benefit to the state.

(b) Intellectual property for which the department has applied for or received a patent, copyright, trademark, or other evidence of protection or exclusivity is excepted from required disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

(c) Money paid to the department under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the game, fish, and water safety account or the state parks account, as appropriate.

(d) It is not a violation of Chapter 572, Government Code, or another law of this state for an employee of the department who conceives, creates, discovers, invents, or develops intellectual property to own or to be awarded any amount of equity interest or participation in the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of that intellectual property with the approval of the commission.

(e) The commission shall institute intellectual property policies for the department that establish minimum standards for:

(1) the public disclosure or availability of products, technology, and scientific information, including inventions, discoveries, trade secrets, and computer software;

(2) review by the department of products, technology, and scientific information, including consideration of ownership and appropriate legal protection;

(3) the licensing of products, technology, and scientific information;

(4) the identification of ownership and licensing responsibilities for each class of intellectual property; and

(5) royalty participation by inventors and the department.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 9, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 27, 2015: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2015.

Effective June 19, 2015.

**OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF AND PRACTICE IN
COURTS IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE
GOVERNMENT, THE COMPOSITION OF CERTAIN JUVENILE
BOARDS, AND THE INCREASE OF CERTAIN FILING FEES**

CHAPTER 1182

S.B. No. 1139

AN ACT

relating to the operation and administration of and practice in courts in the judicial branch of state government, the composition of certain juvenile boards, and the increase of certain filing fees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: